## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB 02-763-B (400/129))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:		)	
McS	Swiggen, James <i>et al</i> .	)	
Serial No.:	10/667,271	) Examiner:	Bowman, Amy H
Filed:	September 16, 2003	) Group Art Unit:	1635
Title:	RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition Of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Gene Expression Using Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)	) Confirmation No.: ) )	8658

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, in the above-captioned application. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a three (3)-month extension of time, and payment of the appropriate fee. No additional fees are thought to be presently due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.